

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2132
Docket No.: 1341.1044**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takayuki HASEBE et al.

Serial No. 09/549,551

Group Art Unit: 2132

Confirmation No. 9207

Filed: April 14, 2000

Examiner: KIM, JUNG W

For: APPARATUS TO CREATE AND/OR VERIFY DIGITAL SIGNATURES HAVING A
SECURE TIME ELEMENT AND AN IDENTIFIER OF THE APPARATUS (As Amended)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 25, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on August 25, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.